

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
EASTERN DIVISION

DANIEL W. ROBINSON,) No. ED CV 10-672-R (PLA)
Petitioner,)
v.) ORDER DISMISSING PETITION AS
T. E. BUSBY,) SUCCESSIVE
Respondent.)

On April 14, 2010, petitioner filed a Petition For Writ of Habeas Corpus Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 by a Person in State Custody (the “Petition”), in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. The case was transferred to this District on May 5, 2010. The instant Petition challenges petitioner’s 1999 conviction in the Riverside County Superior Court, Case No. RIF084352. (Petition at 1-2; Petition attachment at 1). On September 14, 2001, petitioner filed an earlier habeas petition in this court, Case No. ED CV 01-674-R (PLA), in which he also challenged his 1999 conviction. The 2001 petition was dismissed on the merits with prejudice pursuant to the Judgment entered on April 23, 2002.

On May 10, 2010, the Magistrate Judge issued an Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal of Successive Petition, ordering petitioner to show cause no later than May 28, 2010, why the

1 Petition should not be dismissed as successive.¹ Petitioner did not file a response to the
2 Magistrate Judge's May 10, 2010, Order.

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4 **DISCUSSION**

5 The Petition was filed after the enactment of the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty
6 Act of 1996 ("the AEDPA"). Pub. L. No. 104-132, 110 Stat. 1214 (1996). Therefore, the Court
7 applies the AEDPA in its review of this action. See Lindh v. Murphy, 521 U.S. 320, 336, 117 S.Ct.
8 2059, 138 L.Ed.2d 481 (1997).

9 A federal habeas petition is successive if it raises claims that were or could have been
10 adjudicated on the merits in a previous petition. Cooper v. Calderon, 274 F.3d 1270, 1273 (9th
11 Cir. 2001) (per curiam), cert. denied, 538 U.S. 984, 123 S. Ct. 1793 (2003). A second or
12 subsequent petition for habeas corpus is not considered "successive" if the initial or prior petition
13 was dismissed on a technical or procedural ground rather than on the merits. See Slack v.
14 McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 485-87, 120 S. Ct. 1595, 146 L. Ed. 2d 542 (2000) (holding that dismissal
15 for failure to exhaust state remedies is not an adjudication on the merits). The AEDPA provides
16 that a claim presented in a second or successive federal habeas petition that was not presented
17 in a prior petition shall be dismissed unless:

18 (A) the applicant shows that the claim relies on a new rule of
19 constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by
the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable; or

20 (B)(i) the factual predicate for the claim could not have been
21 discovered previously through the exercise of due diligence; and
22 (ii) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the
evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and
convincing evidence that, but for constitutional error, no reasonable

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25 ¹ In the May 10, 2010, Order to Show Cause, the Magistrate Judge also advised petitioner that
26 if he wished to file a successive habeas application, he was required to file a "Motion for Order
Authorizing District Court to Consider Second or Successive Petition Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
2244(b)(3)(A)" directly with the Ninth Circuit. The Magistrate Judge further advised petitioner that
27 until the Ninth Circuit issues such an order, any direct or implied request for a second or
successive petition for writ of habeas corpus is barred by § 2244(b) and must be dismissed without
28 prejudice.

1 factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying
2 offense.

3 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(2)(A), (B).

4 In his 2001 federal habeas challenge, petitioner raised the claim that there was insufficient
5 evidence to support his conviction for first-degree burglary. (See Final Report and
6 Recommendation in Case No. ED CV 01-674-R (PLA), issued on April 23, 2002, at p. 6). As
7 mentioned above, the action was dismissed on the merits and with prejudice. (See Order
8 Adopting Magistrate Judge's Final Report and Recommendation and Judgment, both entered on
9 April 23, 2002).

10 In the instant Petition, petitioner sets forth a claim that was not presented in his 2001
11 federal habeas action. Relying on the ruling by the United States Supreme Court in Cunningham
12 v. California, 549 U.S. 270, 127 S.Ct. 856, 166 L.Ed.2d 856 (2007), among other cases, petitioner
13 contends that he was denied due process under the Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments when the
14 trial court relied on facts not presented to or found to be true by the jury as a basis for enhancing
15 petitioner's sentence. (See Petition attachment).

16 The instant Petition does not satisfy 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(2)(A) -- the provision allowing for
17 the filing of a claim that relies on a new rule of constitutional law made retroactive to cases on
18 collateral review by the Supreme Court. As petitioner was advised in the May 10, 2010, Order,
19 in Butler v. Curry, 528 F.3d 624, 639 (9th Cir. 2008), the Ninth Circuit held that although
20 Cunningham is retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review, Cunningham did not
21 announce a new rule because it "did not add any new elements or criteria for determining when
22 a state statute violates the Sixth Amendment. It simply applied the rule of Blakely[²] to a distinct

24 ² The Supreme Court's decision in Cunningham depended on the new rule announced by
25 the Supreme Court in Blakely v. Washington, 542 U.S. 296, 124 S.Ct. 2531, 159 L.Ed.2d 403
26 (2004), as well as the earlier case of Apprendi v. New Jersey, 530 U.S. 466, 490, 120 S.Ct. 2348,
27 147 L.Ed.2d 435 (2000). In Blakely, the Supreme Court applied the rule set forth earlier in
28 Apprendi that "[o]ther than the fact of a prior conviction, any fact that increases the penalty for a
crime beyond the prescribed statutory maximum must be submitted to a jury, and proved beyond
a reasonable doubt." Blakely, 542 U.S. at 301 (quoting Apprendi, 530 U.S. at 490). Subsequently,
in United States v. Booker, 543 U.S. 220, 227, 125 S. Ct. 738, 160 L. Ed. 2d 621 (2005), the

1 ... state sentencing scheme." Id. (internal citations and quotation marks omitted). Thus,
 2 Cunningham does not satisfy the first requirement of § 2244(b)(2)(A), that a constitutional rule be
 3 newly recognized. See Wright v. Dexter, 546 F.3d 1096, 1097 (9th Cir. 2008) (Because
 4 "Cunningham 'did not announce a new rule of constitutional law[,]' ... [it] cannot form the basis of
 5 an application for a second or successive 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas corpus petition.") (quoting
 6 Butler, 528 F.3d at 639). To the extent the instant Petition relies on Apprendi, Blakely, and Booker
 7 (see Petition attachment at 4-6, 10), the Ninth Circuit has held that Apprendi, Blakely, and Booker
 8 are not retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review. See Schardt v. Payne, 414 F.3d
 9 1025, 1036 (9th Cir. 2005); United States v. Cruz, 423 F.3d 1119, 1121 (9th Cir. 2005); Rees v.
 10 Hill, 286 F.3d 1103, 1104 (9th Cir. 2002). Accordingly, none of these case satisfy the second
 11 requirement of § 2244(b)(2)(A), that a constitutional rule be retroactive.³

12 Moreover, even if petitioner's claim in the instant Petition satisfied 28 U.S.C. §
 13 2244(b)(2)(A) or § 2244(b)(2)(B), "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this
 14 section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for
 15 an order authorizing the district court to consider the application." 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A).
 16 There is no indication in the instant Petition, or in the overall record, that petitioner has obtained
 17 such authorization from the Ninth Circuit. See Burton v. Stewart, 549 U.S. 147, 127 S. Ct. 793,
 18 796, 166 L. Ed. 2d 628 (2007) (AEDPA requires petitioner to receive authorization from the Court
 19 of Appeals before filing a second habeas petition).

20 In the May 10, 2010, Order to Show Cause Re: Dismissal of Successive Petition, the
 21 Magistrate Judge advised petitioner that a review of his Petition indicated that it was successive,
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23 Supreme Court reaffirmed its holding in Apprendi, found that "the Sixth Amendment as construed
 24 in Blakely" did apply to the federal Sentencing Guidelines, invalidated two provisions of the
 25 Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 that had the effect of making the Guidelines mandatory, and held
 26 that federal sentences on review would be subject to a review for reasonableness. See id. at 226-
 27 27, 243-46, 258-65.

28 ³ Further, because Apprendi was decided in 2000, the rule announced in Apprendi was not
 "unavailable" to petitioner when he filed his 2001 federal habeas petition in this Court. For this
 additional reason, petitioner's reliance on Apprendi fails to satisfy 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(2)(A).

1 and he was ordered to show cause why his Petition should not be dismissed on that basis.
2 Petitioner was advised that unless he submitted documentation to the Court on or before May 28,
3 2010, showing that he filed a motion in the Ninth Circuit for an order authorizing the District Court
4 to consider a successive petition **and that the Ninth Circuit issued such an order**, the Petition
5 would be dismissed without prejudice.

6 Here, petitioner did not respond to the May 10, 2010, Order, and has not presented any
7 documentation showing that the Ninth Circuit issued an order authorizing the District Court to
8 consider a successive petition. As such, the Court concludes that it is without jurisdiction to
9 entertain the Petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b). See id.; Cooper, 274 F.3d at 1274 (“When the
10 AEDPA is in play, the district court may not, in the absence of proper authorization from the court
11 of appeals, consider a second or successive habeas application.”).

12 Accordingly, the Court finds that dismissal of the instant Petition is appropriate as it is
13 successive, and petitioner has not provided any documentation to this Court showing that he
14 received authorization from the Ninth Circuit to file a successive petition.

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16 **ORDER**

17 It is hereby **ORDERED** that judgment be entered dismissing the Petition without prejudice
18 as successive.

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20 DATED: June 14, 2010



21 HONORABLE MANUEL L. REAL
22 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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